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SUBJ: SFCP: ADMINISTRATION OF THE JOINT FUND FOR S&T

REFS: (A) STATE 281666, (B) WARSAW 8180

1. AT A MEETING WITH THE SCIATT DECEMBER 6, JAN PETRUS (JOINT FUND TREASURER) PRESENTED THE POLISH PROPOSAL THAT FRANCISZEK WALICKI (MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION) HAD SAID WOULD BE FORTHCOMING (REF B). PETRUS SAID HE WAS ACTING AT THE REQUEST OF WALICKI, WHO IS OUT OF TOWN.

2. IN BRIEF, THFFRL  
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LF04909 3 : (A) A UNIFORM "COVER SHEET" AGREEMENT FORM FOR ALL PROJECTS THAT WILL BE EITHER JOINTLY FINANCED OR FINANCED WHOLLY FROM POLISH DEPOSITS IN THE JOINT FUND, AND (B) THAT EACH SUCH AGREEMENT WILL HAVE THREE APPENDED DOCUMENTS: (1) AN AMENDED VERSION OF THE "PRINCIPLES GOVERNING JOINT US-POLISH RESEARCH AGREEMENTS FINANCED BY THE MARIE SKLODOWSKA-CURIE FUND", WHICH WAS ATTACHMENT 4 TO THE JOINT BOARD DECISION DOCUMENT OF DECEMBER 6, 1974; (2) AN APPROVED BUDGET; AN (3) A SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT.

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3. PETRUS PROVIDED A DRAFT "COVER SHEET" AGREEMENT FORM. THIS IS BOTH SIMPLE AND BRIEF, AND RESEMBLES CLOSELY THAT PROPOSED BY HEW (FISCHER) FOR PROJECT 05-342-C AND SIMILAR PROJECTS. IT INCLUDES ALTERNATIVE PARAGRAPHS STATING EITHER THAT THE PROJECT QUALIFIES FOR US PAYMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AIR FARES, OR THAT IT DOES NOT AND THEREFORE SUCH AIR FARES WILL BE FINANCED

BY THE POLISH SIDE.

4. PETRUS ALSO PROVIDED PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE "PRINCIPLES", INCLUDING SEVERAL SUGGESTED ADDITIONS TO THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT. HE SAID THE CHANGES WERE THOUGHT NECESSARY TO UPDATE PROCEDURES AND TO REFLECT THE FACT THAT POLISH FUNDS ARE NOW TO BE USED. HE OFFERED ASSURANCES THAT PROVISIONS CONCERNING PROGRESS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS, AND RELEASE OF INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS, SO FAR AS THEY AFFECT JOINTLY-FINANCED PROJECTS, WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO, AND NOT SUPERSEDE REQUIREMENTS UNDER EXISTING AGREEMENTS FOR US SUPPORTED PROJECTS.

5. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, SCIATT INFORMED PETRUS THAT A MEETING IN WASHINGTON OF THE WORKING GROUP IS NOT POSSIBLE IN DECEMBER, AND URGED THAT WE SEE HOW FAR WE CAN GO TO REACH MUTUAL AGREEMENT DURING DISCUSSIONS IN WARSAW BEFORE CONSIDERING WHETHER A MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP IN ADVANCE OF THE JOINT BOARD MEETING WILL BE NECESSARY. PETRUS SAID HE WOULD SO INFORM WALICKI, AND ADDED THAT THE POLISH SIDE ALSO WISHED TO DISCUSS AT SOME POINT EXACTLY HOW THE MECHANISM FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS UNDER JOINTLY-FINANCED PROJECTS IS TO OPERATE. HE SAID, FOR EXAMPLE, THE POLES STILL HAVE ONLY A VAGUE IDEA OF THE SPECIFIC STEPS CONTEMPLATED BY THE US SIDE TO TRANSFER FUNDS UNDER THE OFFSET PROCEDURE MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH A-4 OF THE DECEMBER 11, 1976 AGREEMENT. (COMMENT: WE, TOO, ARE UNCERTAIN WHAT CHANGES MAY BE NECESSARY IN EXISTING PROJECT AGREEMENTS TO TAKE ACCOUNT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THIS PROCEDURE. END COMMENT).

6. AFTER SOME EDITING TO SMOOTH OUT THE ENGLISH AND TO CLARIFY ANY DOUBTFUL POINTS, WE WILL POUCH THE DRAFTS FOR STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT AND CONCERNED AGENCIES.

7. COMMENT: A STANDARDIZED FORMAT WOULD HAVE DISTINCT ADVANTAGES IN ADMINISTRATIVE TERMS, AND WE HOPE THE CONCEPT POSES NO SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES FOR THE CONCERNED US AGENCIES. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT FINAL APPROVAL ON THE POLISH SIDE OF PROJECTS UTILIZING THE POLISH CONTRIBUTION WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF AN AGREED FORMAT. END COMMENT.  
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